

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Public Reprimand  
of the Educator Certificate of  
Pamela D. Rhodes  
Certificate # 177728

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**CONSENT ORDER OF  
PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 10, 2004. On October 2, 2003, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of hearing regarding the possible suspension or revocation of her certificate to Ms. Pamela D. Rhodes by certified mail, return receipt requested delivery restricted to addressee. Ms. Rhodes received the notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt bearing her name. Ms. Rhodes agreed through her attorney, Deena Smith McRackan, Esquire, to resolve the case without a hearing upon the following terms: (1) a public reprimand will be issued by the State Board, (2) she agrees that this public reprimand will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina with the grounds listed as "unprofessional conduct," and (3) this order will be maintained as a public record in the Office of General Counsel of the Department. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand for Ms. Rhodes's conduct as agreed to by the parties.

Ms. Rhodes holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over seven years of teaching experience. She was under contract with the Kershaw County School District (District) for the 2003-2004 school year. Ms. Rhodes resigned from the District on June 24, 2003, after an SLED investigation into the allegations of breaching test security laws, regulations and procedures by allowing testing to start earlier than the mandated State start date. The Fifth Circuit Solicitor's office presented this case in front of the Kershaw County Grand Jury for consideration which in turn returned a "no billed" finding.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann.

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§59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The Board finds that the preponderance of the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause does not exist to revoke or suspend his certificate; however, cause does exist for a Public Reprimand of Ms. Rhodes's conduct. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand as set forth above.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Mary E. Jones

Dr. Mary E. Jones

Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

August 10, 2004

**I, Pamela D. Rhodes, SC Teaching Certificate # 177728, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Tuesday, August 10, 2004.**

7/14/04  
Date

/S/ Pamela D. Rhodes  
Signature